Work Establishment hands.

22. *Mr. V. Sankara Menon (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad* cum *Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether the appointment in the permanent establishment is made in the Electrical Department from the qualified and experienced work Establishment hands;

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon (*Electrical Engineer to Government*): The question has not been decided. It is engaging the attention of Government.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai (*Kalkulam and Vilavancode* cum *Neyyattinkara*): The member who has put the original question is not present now and therefore may I put a question?

President: You may put a question.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: Am I to understand from the answer that no appointment has been made so far?

Mr. K. P. Padmanabha Menon: No such promotions have been made so far.

Supply of crude oil to punja ryots.

23. *Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state what arrangements they have made with the oil companies to ensure the regular supply of crude oil to punja ryots in Kuttanad for the ensuing year 1118?

Mr. C. Kumara Das (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): It is understood that the oil companies are ready to meet the full requirements of the Punja ryots for the forthcoming pumping season.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: May I know whether Government have any written assurance from the oil companies ensuring the regular supply of crude oil?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: The companies have written to Government that if conditions will permit, they will ensure the regular supply of oil.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: May I know whether the price of oil has been fixed with the companies?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: The companies have promised that the rates will not be raised.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: May I know whether there is any undue profiteering made by the merchants in the sale of crude oil at present?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: There have been a few reports of such character.

Mr. M. K. Ananthasiva Aiyar: May I know the action taken by Government in that matter?

Mr. C. Kumara Das: So far—

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